

CLAIMS

1. A method of controlling a multimedia apparatus, of
the type using a graphic screen and a bi-axial
5 button (up/down - right/left) characterized in
that actuation of the bi-axial button in a first
axis selects a function in a scrolling menu
displayed on said graphic screen and in a
continuous loop, and actuation of the bi-axial
10 button in the second axis is for adjusting a
parameter of the selected function.
2. The method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in
that the selected function appears permanently in
15 the center of the scrolling menu.
3. The method as claimed in either one of claims 1 or
2, characterized in that the scrolling menu is in
the form of a cylinder or drum with horizontal
20 axis when viewed laterally.
4. The method as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3,
characterized in that, when the function has been
selected, the range of adjustment of the parameter
25 appears in the form of an adjustment bar extending
perpendicular to the scrolling menu and being
integral with the indication of the function.
5. The method as claimed in claim 4, characterized in
30 that, for at least one function, the adjustment
bar is in the form of a cursor on a graduated
scale.
6. The method as claimed in claim 4, characterized in
35 that, for at least one function, the adjustment
bar is in the form of a series of tabs.
7. The method as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 6,
characterized in that, if the rest of the screen

is occupied by the display of a second function, the adjustment bar is positioned in simplified form under the function indication.

- 5 8. The method as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 7,
characterized in that, in said scrolling menu, the
unselected functions have a lesser visual
importance than the selected function but remain
displayed.
- 10 9. The method as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 8,
characterized in that, in said scrolling menu, the
selected function appears in reverse video
relative to the other functions.
- 15 10. A multimedia apparatus using the method as claimed
in any one of claims 1 to 9, characterized in that
the bi-axial button is situated on the apparatus
or remote from it.